

replaced with different amino acids, one or more amino acids are added to the N- or C-terminus of SEQ ID NO:2, or one or more amino acids at the N- or C-terminus of SEQ ID NO:2 are deleted:

(1) Molecular weight

19,000 \pm 5,000 daltons on gel filtration and sodium dodecylsulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE);

(2) Isoelectric point (pI)

4.8 \pm 1.0 on chromatofocusing;

(3) Biological activity

Inducing the interferon- γ production by immunocompetent cells; and

(4) Partial amino acid sequence

Possessing a part of the whole of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein Xaa is Met or Thr.

Please add new claim 118 as follows:

--118. A monoclonal antibody specific to interferon-gamma (IFN- γ) inducing protein (IGIF, IL-18).--

IN THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto are three sheets of formal drawings containing Figures 1-4.